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## RFK Jr. addresses environmental issues

Member of  
Kennedy family  
takes Clarke  
by storm

kerry sivia  
editor

More than 1,400 people packed the Kehl center on October 17 for a rare opportunity to hear a speech by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., the featured speaker in this year's Mackin-Mailander lecture series. In his speech titled "Crimes Against Nature," the environmental lawyer spoke about the poor condition of the environment and what the Bush administration, as well as corporate America, has done to add to the problem.

"It's really an issue about democracy," Kennedy said. He also talked about the stronghold that corporate America has over the environment and the media. According to Kennedy, less than four percent of all news stories that aired last year were devoted to the environment.

"We have an indolent and negligent press that has simply let down America," he said.

He attributes this to the fact that America's 5,000 television stations and 14,000 newspapers are mostly owned by five major multi-nationals which control the information put out and how it is presented.

"The domination of government by business is called fascism," he said.

Kennedy said lightheartedly that Americans know more about celebrity gossip and the happenings of Hollywood than about the environment. He also said "80 percent of Republicans are just Democrats who don't know what's going on."

He stressed the importance of education and being well-informed by quoting Thomas Jefferson who said "If you are not educated, if you do not know the facts, then you are a threat to all of us because you do not know democracy." He also mentioned that 78 percent of all American soldiers in Iraq thought they were there to punish Saddam Hussein for



RFK, Jr., speaks to Clarke and the greater Dubuque community about the condition of the environment in his speech titled "Crimes Against Nature." Photo by Paul Kurtsides

the World Trade center attacks.

Another one of the main issues Kennedy spoke about was coal-burning power plants. There are 1100 coal-burning power plants that burn coal illegally according to Kennedy. During the Clinton administration, Kennedy said 75 criminal and civil suits took place in an effort to correct this problem. He also said many of the power plants that burn illegally now, do not have to do anything to clean up because they support President Bush and because of the abolishment of the "New Source Rule."

The mercury level in the water and in the fish we eat is hazardous according to Kennedy.

Kennedy made religious references in his speech too. He pointed out many natural occurrences that happened in the Bible such as how many parables are based on nature.

"We know our creator best by immersing ourselves in creation," he said.

He also talked about the free-market economy. "In a true free-market economy you can't make yourself rich without making your neighbor rich," he said.

Finally, Kennedy said we need to protect the environment for our own best interests and for the future of mankind.

"Our children will pay for our joyride," he said.

Former Clarke  
student, rising  
star, returns for  
performance

liz korzelik  
staff writer

Get your cameras  
ready and dust off  
that autograph book  
because rising star and  
former Clarke student  
Frankie Alvarado is  
coming back.

Last spring Alvarado placed in the top five of 90,000 contestants for "La Academia USA, the hispanic version of "American Idol."

Friday, November 10 he will be on campus for a concert and "meet and greet." The show starts at 8 p.m. in Jensen Music Hall.

Clarke students are welcome to one free ticket if they have a current Clarke ID. General admission tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Contact Richard Diaz or Irving Duran to purchase a ticket.

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## New president officially takes helm

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To have 75-degree weather in October is typically rare, but the 8th was no ordinary October day. The sun was shining on Clarke College in more ways than one on Sunday the 8th of October 2006. The inauguration of the college's newest president was taking place, so it's no surprise everything, including the weather, had to be perfect.

The ceremony began with a beautiful flag procession representing each student at Clarke who is from another country followed by the singing of "America the Beautiful."

One of the first speakers to address Burrows was

John Hartung, president of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Hartung stepped to the podium with confidence and a smile. He began his speech by making an anecdotal reference to Burrow's bad knee. "Everyone who knows me knows that when I speak at these occasions I always have a prop, and the prop that I have today is an ice bag," he said. "This ice bag can be used for your knee, or, as a new president, you may want to use it for your head at some time."

This comedic gesture brought laughter from the audience, but it seemed to bring about a stronger

reaction from Burrows who accepted the gift with a soft smile while emotions seemed to build up inside her.

Clarke Student Association President Nate Monson spoke on behalf of Clarke students. "Sister Joanne, the students of Clarke call you to serve in being the matriarch of our Clarke family, keeping an open door policy where any of the students who have a need can find assistance and being there for us students and nurturing us along the way with our education," said Monson.

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# OPINION

## BOOK REVIEW: 'Flags of Our Fathers' powerful, unique

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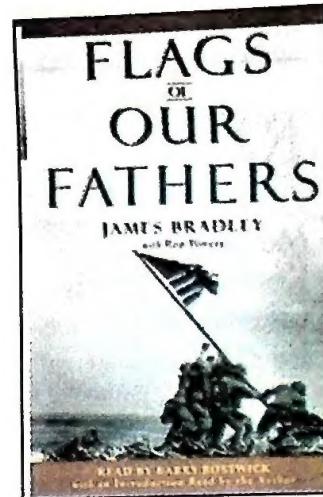
In this historical tale of perhaps the most famous moment in American military history, James Bradley, the son of one of the flag raisers, has captured the glory, the triumph, heartbreak, and legacy of six men who raised the American flag at Iwo Jima, Japan during WWII. It is a story of the world-famous photograph that has come to symbolize the courage and will of America during a time of war.

In February 1945, American Marines invaded the beaches of Iwo Jima and stormed into American history. Charging through machine gun fire that left the beaches bloody with fallen comrades, they battled to the peak of the island.

Now the author and son of one of the flag raisers records a powerful and educational story of six very different men who came together in a moment that will live forever, one a Texas cowboy, another a Native American from Arizona, a happy-go-lucky Kentuckian, a serious Wisconsin small towner (James Bradley), a New Hampshire smooth talker, and finally a sturdy Czech immigrant from Pennsylvania. All of them came from different parts of the country, representing America in a time of turmoil and a time of need for a hero.

John Bradley (father of James Bradley) never spoke of the photograph or the war to anyone in his family, even though he received the Navy Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor. But after his death at age 70, his family discovered closed boxes of letters and photos. Throughout the book, James Bradley goes back to those documents to relive the lives of his father and the men of his company to inform the readers about who these men were before they became immortalized as the flag raisers at Iwo Jima. Following these men's paths to Iwo Jima, James Bradley has written a classic story of the heroic battle for the Pacific's most crucial island, an island filled with underground Japanese tunnels and 22,000 defenders who were taught to fight to their death.

But perhaps the most interesting part of the story is what happened after the victory. The men in the photo (three were killed during the battle) were proclaimed heroes and flown home, to become reluctant symbols. For two of them, the praise was devastating. Only James Bradley's father truly survived, not displaying a single copy of the famous photograph in his home, telling his son only, "The real heroes of



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to his father's respect for all of his comrades. It is the story of the difference between truth and myth, the meaning of a hero, and the essence of the human experience of war.

Iwo Jima were the guys who didn't come back." Few books have ever captured the complexity and disturbance of war and its aftermath as well as "Flags of Our Fathers." An epic look at a generation at war, this is history told with insight that only a relative of a veteran could give and the passion of a son paying homage to his father. At times James Bradley does seem to glorify his father more than the other characters, but I think it is due

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## The Way I See It Which role do you play in this conversation?

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A: Sean is having another party at his place tonight. Are you going?

B: You know that all those parties get shut down by the police for underage drinking.

A: I know, but all my friends are going and there's really not anything else to do around here.

B: And you'd still rather risk being ticketed for underage drinking, or even worse, be taken to jail.

A: No, I rather risk having a good time

with my friends while having a couple of beers.

B: A, are you kidding me?

A: No, I'm not. If I don't go to this party and nothing happens, then I would have missed it for no reason.

B: All of his parties have been visited by the police.

A: Why do you always have to bring up old stuff?

B: This was just last week!

A: Well, B, today is a new day and my friends and I need a designated driver. So are you dressing up or are you going casual?

C: And the moral of this story

is...Some situations are unavoidable, but for those that are not, please exercise your right to avoid them. Use your better judgment and refrain from any unnecessary behavior that may result in tickets or jail time, incriminating evidence that can be used against you because your friends (and I use the term loosely) just had to document it on Facebook, expulsion from school and complete humiliation. Believe it or not, there is still life after college. College graduation does not mark the beginning of mid-life crisis. So live life, but do it responsibly.

### Presidential Inauguration

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Being a leader of anything, whether it be a college, a country, or a city, can be a daunting though honorable task. To share his knowledge and encouragement was Roy D. Buol, mayor of Dubuque.

"You have been called on to serve by a greater power than any of us; you are doing God's work," said Buol. He continued by expressing his excitement about the future and willingness to work with Sister Joanne and Clarke. "We look forward to continued collaboration with you, the faculty, staff, and the students of Clarke."

The keynote speaker for the event was not only distinguished in her own right, but also a lifelong friend of Burrows. Sister Patricia Cruise, president and CEO of Covenant House, the largest privately funded child care agency in the United States, began by reminiscing about how she and Burrows first met.

"As you might expect, there were very few younger sisters in our congregation when we started out together," Cruise said. "So whether we liked each other or not, it was only natural that we would share a special bond. Fortunately, there's a lot to like about Sister Joanne." That bond has gone unbroken and the two have been best friends for over 26 years.

Cruise gave a heartfelt and in-depth speech, while assuring the Clarke community that we made a wise decision by appointing Burrows as president. "In selecting Joanne, you have shown a clear preference for intellectual curiosity, academic ambition, and a seriousness of purpose."

However, Cruise did not fail to leave out the fun and com-

petitive nature in our new president. "You had better know that this (presidency) will be animated by a love for life and laughter and a competitive spirit," said Cruise. "Rest assured that if you can't find Sister Joanne in the classrooms, board rooms, or hallways of Clarke, you will find her rooting quite vigorously at the athletic events," she said.

Cruise concluded by saying, "I am so proud to be here and so proud of Joanne. I also know that her dad, Fred, and her mom, Rita, are with us in spirit today with the best seats in the house and filled with pride."

Following Cruise's speech, it was time for the Inaugural address from the new president herself. She addressed the Clarke community as a whole and challenged us all to make the future of Clarke a prosperous one.

"As we look to the future, our challenge is to find ways to do these things more effectively and to articulate more clearly how we do them. Our mission requires that each member and all members of the Clarke community assume responsibility for bringing these values to life each day," said Burrows.

Burrows promised the Clarke College community to do her best, and it was very clear that she takes her responsibilities as president of this institution seriously.

"You will judge my presidency by how well I help Clarke College achieve its pressing practical and strategic agenda," she said. "I challenge you also to hold me accountable for how well I help Clarke College foster an education that leaves our students more faithful to their gifts and more open to lives dedicated to freedom, justice and charity."

"I ask your prayers and patience. I offer you my humble best. God Bless and thank you," concluded Burrows.

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# CAMPUS LIFE

## Free-lance class will get you in print

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staff writer

**A**t one point or another we have all had something we wanted to say, a story to tell, or at least thought, "Hey I could do that." Now you have your excuse to do it. Every spring Clarke offers the free-lance article writing class taught by Diana Russo. Many of you may recognize this as the class that writes the articles for Clarke's student magazine the "Catalyst."

However, did you know that no matter what your major is, you can take part in the excitement of writing for the "Catalyst"?

Whether you are chemistry major, English major, or even just have a special interest or hobby you want to explore, this class has a lot to offer. The class uses the 2006 "Writers Market Guide" which lists thousands of web and print publications that are interested in articles on topics ranging from science and technology to horses and family life.

"I take you through all of the steps, so even if you have never written before, by the end of class, you will have the confidence to submit an article to a magazine or a Web site—

**"By the end of class, you will have the confidence to submit an article to a magazine or a Web site-- which we actually do"**

which we actually do," said Russo.

Russo, who has a masters degree in journalism and a Ph.D. in English, has been writing free-lance articles for a number of years for such publications as "Poets and Writers," "Book Magazine," and "Iowa City Magazine."

Recently she has written travel articles for magazines such as "Transitions Abroad," and last year spent time in Rome

interviewing foreign correspondents for an article in "The Global Journalist."

The class starts with the basics: finding a publication that you fit with, and writing a query letter. This is what you send out to publications before you send them an article selling your story and convincing them that their publication needs it. Later you actually submit the article you worked on in class.

"You usually can't start out targeting major magazines," said Russo. "We spend a lot of time on helping you match your interests with a particular



Clarke professor Diana Russo with her husband Mark in Italy while doing research for a travel article on staying in convents and monasteries.

publication that might be interested in your work. For example, 2004 grad Mary Huerter, who competes in horse shows, was able to get a story published in a magazine about horses."

"One of the big mistakes I had when I first came to college was thinking I could just get a job as soon as I had a degree," said 2006 Clarke grad Tim Brechlin, now editor of Dubuque 365ink.

"But you quickly learn that you need real, hands-on, practical experience. The course showed me how you need to have both the knowledge and the tools to actually sell yourself and the stories you're writing."

Another great thing is that, besides just getting a grade at the end of the semester, you always will have at least one pub-

lished article in the Clarke "Catalyst." This is a bigger deal than you might think: You come out with a professional published article for a resume or portfolio.

"The class is a good way to gain real world experience and have a major work published while you're still in school," said junior communication major Ashley Zehringen.

"The class is usually fairly small and we take a lot of time working with each person's writing or interests, no matter what their major," said Russo. "It's exciting to see the articles come up to a professional standard of quality."

Katie Bahl, 2004 grad who is a program specialist at Dubuque Mainstreet, recommends the course to improve professional writing skills. "In general, you need to work on writing, and this course gives you the chance to get some pieces published," Bahl said.

Senior communication major Chelsea Theisen also took the class. "Freelance is a great class for everyone, not just communication majors," she said. "This class teaches great writing and communication skills that are useful for anyone in the working world."

If you have any questions about the class or prerequisites contact Diana.Russo@clarke.edu.

### New English Department Writing Course

The Clarke English department is offering a new course in professional writing this spring that offers students from all majors another chance to work on their writing skills.

Contact the instructor: AnnPelelo@clarke.edu

### Random Fact

In a year, approximately 900 million trees are cut down to make the raw materials needed for American pulp mills and paper.

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Identity theft hits college students hardest

## What's in your wallet? Are you sure...

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staff writer

**T**en million people are victims of identity theft every year. And the scariest part is college students are the most vulnerable. The reason for this is 50 percent of college students receive credit card applications in the mail on a weekly, or even daily, basis but don't dispose of them properly.

For some of us, it's hard to remember the days when our shopping opportunities were limited to when the local mall was open. Nowadays it is more convenient to shop online, not only because you can do it from your couch, but also because you can find just about anything on Web sites such as amazon.com or eBay.

Many of us start typing in our credit or debit card number on a Web site as soon as we see something we've just got to have without thinking about the opportunity this gives identity thieves.

Some ways identity theft happens is through online banking, purchasing things through Web sites, storing personal information on your computer, or having a cell phone, or student loans. All these either provide or require your personal information such as your bank or credit card number, social security number, name, address and phone number; all of which identity thieves use.

When this type of information gets into the wrong hands it can take anywhere from months to years until your reputation and credit record is corrected.

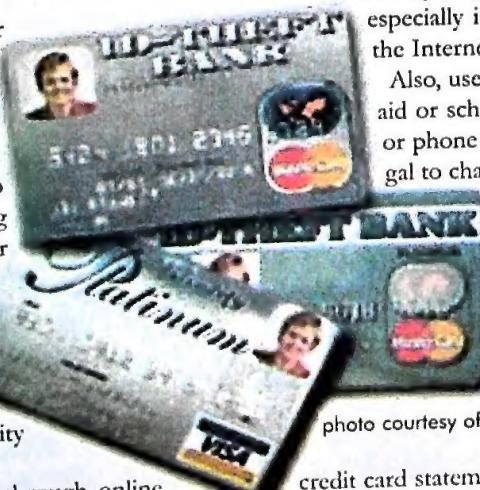


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Prevention of credit card fraud is easier than you think. First, start by never carrying your social security card or birth certificate card with you and never writing down your passwords. Then start shredding any pre-approved credit card applications that you may receive before discarding them. Another important way to prevent fraud is to use a firewall program, especially if you leave your computer connected to the Internet 24 hours a day.

Also, use caution when using commercial financial aid or scholarship advice services over the Internet or phone that are for-profit. Although it is not illegal to charge a fee for these types of services, there

are many cases where they ask for your personal information, charge high rates, then never provide the information. Also keep in mind that these types of services can be found free of charge and still provide the same information.

And lastly, the easiest thing you can do is to start paying more attention to your bank and credit card statements to look out for any unusual activity.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for students to start off their credit history in the right direction. Originally, students' problems with credit cards were over spending and debt, but with these recent statistics it turns out identity protection is an even bigger issue.

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# CAMPUS LIFE

## On The Street

story by pedro g. semidey-vega  
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What are you going to be on  
Halloween?  
&

What is the most embarrassing cos-  
tume your parents ever made you  
wear?



"I might dress like a bad cop."

"I hated when my parents dressed me like a  
basketball player from the Chicago Bulls."

Kayla Shaffer, freshman, undecided major



"I'm not sure, but there might be a big  
chance that I will dress like Little Red Riding  
Hood."

"I never liked cheerleaders and I was dressed  
like one and totally hated it."

Sam Espinosa, senior, kinesiology major



"I'll probably be a stripper this Halloween."

"Oh my God, once I got dressed like a clown  
and that wasn't fun at all."

Elisha Goldstein, Crusader Café staff

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## Dia de los Muertos: Celebrating the departed

elizabeth korzelik  
staff writer

Incredible food, gorgeous flowers, and the gathering of friends and family are key elements in the Mexican traditions of Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead). Mexican and Hispanic families dedicate the first two days of November every year to relatives who have passed on.

According to Ricardo J. Salvador, writer of "What do Mexicans Celebrate on the Day of the Dead," this is "a festive way of recognizing the cycle of life and death that is the human existence."

Unlike in America, remembering the dead is a happy and joyful ritual. The first day is in memory of children who have died, and day two remembers adults. Families decorate grave sites and erect alters in their home. During this time it is believed that the spirits of their ancestors are all around them, celebrating as well.

"It is hard to understand your own culture without experiencing others," said Evelyn Nadeau, assistant professor of Spanish.

The main idea is to welcome the dead back into their homes. Salvador describes the memorial alters decorated in brightly colored flowers and pictures. The traditional food that is prepared includes chocolate drinks, sugar treats, and spicy meat dishes.

Probably the most widely known tradition is that of el pan de muerto (the bread of the dead). At the evening festivities bread is broken and shared with surrounding families. Bakers hide plastic skeletons inside of the round bread, and whoever bites into the toy receives good luck

from his or her ancestors.

This celebration has been around for more than 3000 years and is mostly practiced in Mexico. However, with families growing and moving, there are many Mexican American communities joining in the celebration.

"Everyone is welcome to the campus events, not just Spanish students, everyone can gain from this kind of event," said Nadeau.

For more information on delicious Dia de los Muertos recipes visit [www.fortheloveofthegoddess.com/DayoftheDeadRecipes.html](http://www.fortheloveofthegoddess.com/DayoftheDeadRecipes.html), or take part in some of the exciting rituals on campus.

"This is our fifth year of celebrating on campus," said Cammie Dean. "We try and do new things every year."

The events on campus are sponsored by Sponsored by the Spanish Program of the Language and Literature Department and the Multicultural Center.

### Campus Events

Candy Skull Painting and Community Mural

Monday, October 30, 11:30 a.m. - SAC

Chocolate: The Drink of the Gods

Tuesday, October 31, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m., MJH Conference Room 1

About Dia de los Muertos

Wednesday, November 1, 1:15 p.m., Sacred Heart Chapel

Film: La Muerte Vive

Wednesday, November 1, 6 p.m., Gallagher Lounge

## Trading C's for S's

There's still time to change to that pass/fail option

lindsey brown  
editor

Many students don't know of an important academic option offered to them at Clarke. Filing S/U option, also known as taking a course pass/fail, can be done for many reasons.

For most students, it allows them a learning opportunity without the pressure of achieving a high grade which would affect their GPA.

Pass/fail courses do not affect a student's GPA. However, a C- must be obtained to receive a pass and credits for the course. A "S" (pass) would then appear on the student's transcript. If a student earns a D+ or below, a "U" (fail) will appear on his or her transcript and he or she will not receive credit(s) for the course.

The instructor of the course does not know the student is taking the class pass/fail and submits the student's grade to the registrar's office as he or she normally would. The registrar's office then converts the class into the pass or fail.

Here are the details:

1. There is a limit of 18 credit hours that can be taken during S/U your Clarke career. Courses that are "automatic pass/fail" are excluded from this limit.
2. No more than two courses per semester may be taken for pass/fail. Courses that are required for your major, minor or teacher education cannot be taken pass/fail.
3. Your academic advisor must sign a request form before submission to the registrar's office. If your advisor is the instructor for the course, the associate academic dean will sign the form.

The S/U request form can be found at [my.clarke.edu/students/registrar/passfailgradeoption.pdf](http://my.clarke.edu/students/registrar/passfailgradeoption.pdf). The deadline for filing a semester long course as pass/fail is Thursday, November 2. Questions regarding the pass/fail option should be directed to the registrar's office.

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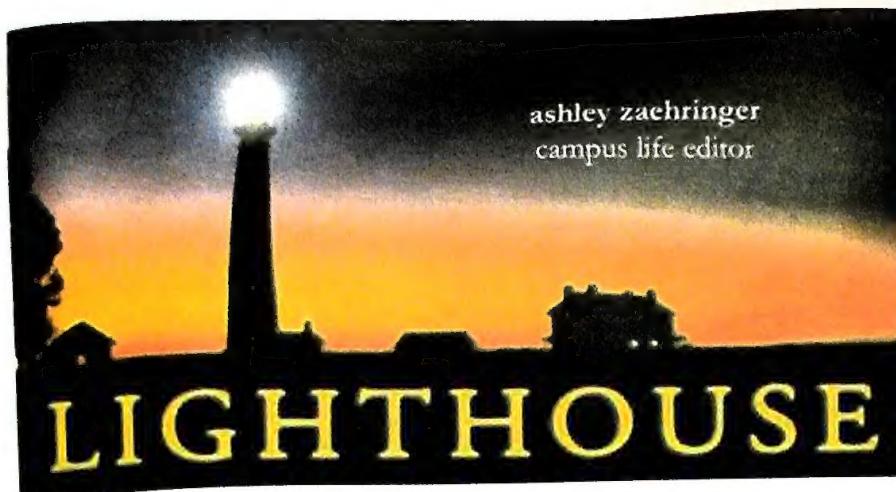


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campus life editor

## Area college students gather at Lighthouse

"What are you doing this Thursday? Do you want to go to Lighthouse?"

Maybe this phrase is familiar to you, or maybe you are wondering what I'm talking about. I remember two years ago when I was first asked this question and was curious as to what it meant.

I was told that Lighthouse was a gathering of Christian students for fellowship hosted by the University of Dubuque. I thought, okay, but I'm a Clarke student; how's that going to work?

That's the unique aspect of this event. Lighthouse welcomes and encourages students to attend one gathering, or several throughout the semester, from all the colleges in Dubuque, all reli-

feel pressured about anything," said Benji Leverenz, one of the founders of Lighthouse.

A typical night consists of students and members of the community gathering at Peter's Commons, also known as the cafeteria, on the University of Dubuque campus at 9 p.m. Arriving early isn't a problem; it gives you a chance to talk to new people or catch up with friends.

"Along with meeting new people, it's just wonderful to have a time of the week where fellow believers can take time off their busy schedules, come together, worship our Lord, and encourage one another, and hopefully this encourage-

with it.

Lighthouse takes a religious approach in trying to help people overcome these struggles. The messages are very informal, usually lasting 20 - 25 minutes, and allow you to absorb the information in your own way with nothing being forced upon you.

"Lighthouse is very open to all people and has a relaxed feel to it. It is a great way to connect with God for anyone who believes," said Clarke sophomore Kimberly Nieman who is majoring in biology and physical therapy.

Following the speaker, the band closes the night with several more songs. Afterwards people hang around to talk with friends and help tear down and clean up.

The whole event lasts about an hour, but this year Lighthouse has started a group that meets afterwards. They have called it Afterglow, and

Lighthouse encourage attendees to meet in the basement of Peter's Commons at the Underground, a place like Clarke's Student Activity Center, afterwards.

Alissa Balsley, University of Dubuque senior majoring in religion and sociology, has been attending Lighthouse for four years now. Like me, she was personally invited and decided to give it a try.

"Lighthouse is a wonderful way to meet people and to grow in Christ during a time when life can be very tough and staying strong in your faith is even tougher," she said.

ment is being brought back to all of the campuses," said Bradlee Kirkman, a University of Dubuque senior majoring in flight operations.

The band, lead by Andrew Crandall, University of Dubuque second year seminary student, consists of two guitars, one bass guitar, male and female vocals, and drums. They play contemporary Christian music and encourage singing, but only if you are comfortable.

After several songs, the band leaves the stage for the night's speaker. Each week a different topic is introduced with the message being centered around everyday life and the struggles that come



Band members perform at a Lighthouse gathering.

gious affiliations and all walks of life.

Lighthouse began in fall 2001 with a vision of the University of Dubuque Campus Ministry. It was started by a group of college-aged students who wanted a meeting place to come and meet God. Its main goal was to show people that God loves everyone and that He wanted a relationship with them.

"So many Christian things are unattractive to people who are truly seeking God because they feel judged or unwanted, so we made a commitment to do everything we could to make people feel comfortable enough to come and join in and not



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staff writer

**Editors' note:** We would like to apologize for a mistake made in last issue's "Media Watch" section. One of the names was listed incorrectly; we would like to credit Melissa Mennig for answers listed as Ed Fredrick's.

Amanda Cotrell - senior elementary education major

Where is the farthest you have traveled? Alaska  
What is the Web site you visit most often? www.twobytwoanimalcampus.org  
What is your favorite magazine? "ASPCA"  
What is the hardest class you are taking? Western Political Thought

Yadiel Fargas - senior kinesiology major

Where is the farthest you have traveled? Puerto Rico  
What is the Web site you visit most often? www.MIB.com  
What is your favorite magazine? "ESPN"  
What is the hardest class you are taking? Math as a Liberal Art

JoAnn Heiar - senior nursing major

Where is the farthest you have traveled? New York  
What is the Web site you visit most often? www.facebook.com  
What is your favorite magazine? "Marie Claire"  
What is the hardest class you are taking? Family Health Care

Nathan Ternes - freshman communication major

Where is the farthest you have traveled? Rome  
What is the Web site you visit most often? www.facebook.com  
What is your favorite magazine? "Big Brother"  
What is the hardest class you are taking? Cornerstone

## Understanding Ramadan

Olli Sinno  
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What and when is Christmas? This question, to almost everyone in the United States, would be considered absurd since it is the largest holiday for the Christian faith. In the year 2000, according to www.religioustolerance.org, 76.5 percent of the American population identified themselves as being Christian.

However, Ramadan, being a holiday for the Islamic faith, which only took up .5 percent of the population in the year 2000, is barely recognized by Americans as one of the biggest three holidays of the Islamic faith.

Muslims all over the world participated and celebrated in the holy month of Ramadan that ended October 23 for this year.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It was during this month that the holy

Qur'an, the Islamic equivalent to the Christian Bible, was revealed. Here is a list of what a Muslim can and cannot do during the month of Ramadan:

**A Muslim must:**  
Fast from dawn (fajir) to sunset (maghrib); neither water nor food are not allowed.

-No sexual intercourse during the time of the fast.  
-No smoking or anything that could inflict harm onto self or others.

-Refrain from any indecent thoughts, anger, swearing, greed and gossip.

**During the fast Muslims should:**

-Set aside their differences and try to make amends with anyone that they have a problem with.

-Reflect on the suffering of poor people and realize that there are others less fortunate that may not be able to



Photo by Olli Sinno

Clarke senior Omar Sinno maintains his daily activities while fasting from sunrise to sunset.

afford the meals that we can afford to eat daily.

-Donate to charity  
-Evaluate their habits and change them if need be.

Because Muslims believe all people are equal, they also strengthen their beliefs to overcome diversity.

The family usually eats

together to break the fast each evening, strengthening the ties family members have with each other.

Although there are people outside of the Islamic faith who know about Ramadan, out of the students surveyed, only three of ten had a vague understanding. When asked "What do you know about Ramadan," the students had, at most, a basic idea of what it was.

"I had heard the word used at various points in my life but never really grasped what it was or meant," said Aaron Dean, senior at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Alexander Ellerbeck, senior math major at Clarke said, "I had no idea what Ramadan was. I don't think I've ever heard of it before."

The month of Ramadan is a time for Muslims to reflect on life and to be pure both mentally and physically. We could all learn something from Ramadan. We could all benefit from taking some time in our lives, regardless of religious affiliation, to reflect on what we value and what we really want out of life.

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## 'Sam's Town'...

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arts etc. editor

The release of the much-anticipated album "Sam's Town" from The Killers has skyrocketed, selling 5 million copies during its debut. The album was recorded in the Palms Hotel recording studio and was released on October 3. "Sam's Town" showcases the band's growth with a more musically diverse and vibrant sound while still maintaining the energy and individuality of their previous hit album "Hot Fuss."

As a diehard fan of The Killers' previous release, I was anticipating the worst from this sophomore effort. I didn't think there was any way that a new album could top what "Hot Fuss" had accomplished, being unique as well as genre-breaking; but "Sam's Town" does just that. The lyrics and beats will appeal to everyone from hard core rockers to pop lovers and leave you wanting more.

The band said this record was influenced by Springsteen, but it does not have much of a Springsteen sound. Listeners can expect classic tunes such as the band's previous hits "Mr. Brightside" and "Smile Like You Mean It." Songs range from slow, melodic harmonies to more fun, and what seems like '80s-inspired, tracks.

The Killers formed in 2002 in Las Vegas. The band consists of Brandon Flowers, Dave Keuning, Mark Stoermer, and Ronnie Vannucci, Jr. "Sam's Town" pays tribute to the old-school local casino in Las Vegas where the band originated.

With universal melodies and radio-topping prospects, this album is a must-have for any true music lover. "Sam's Town" is an album that will grow on you with every listen. Recommended.

### Dance Dance...

## Revolution grows on campus

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staff writer

"Perfect." "Perfect." "Great." "Perfect." These words join scrolling arrows on the big-screen TV. The Student Activity Center is alive on Thursday evenings with the sights and sounds of Dance Dance Revolution.

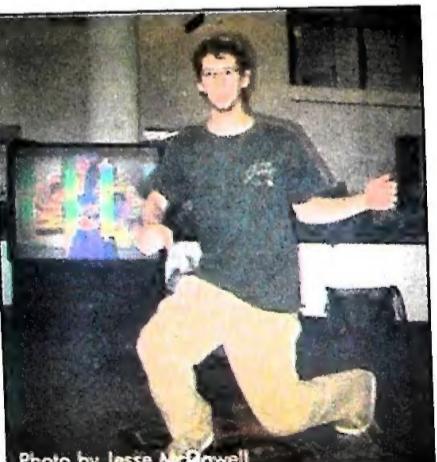
Dance Dance Revolution is a videogame that is played by stepping on the arrows of a dance pad in sequence with music. DDR began in 1993 as an arcade game in Japan, and has now expanded to international distribution on the Sony Playstation, Playstation 2, and Microsoft Xbox.

DDR has come to Clarke College by way of sophomore computer science major Christopher Kruse. "The best way to get a large interest into the game is to get people to watch it played, and I thought Thursday dinner would be a good time to expose a lot of people," said Kruse. He and his friends have decided to take this pastime to the big screen and into the public eye.

Kruse has been playing the

game for about two years, and has recently acquired a professional-use dance pad known as the Cobalt Flux. "I bought the Flux for two reasons - I know it's going to stand up to a lot of playtime, and so that anyone who wants to play can just jump up, without worrying about possibly breaking something or having to take off their shoes." He invites all to try the game, and offers his pro tips to anyone willing to listen.

What is interesting about DDR at Clarke is the diversity of people it appeals to. This demographic of players represents both genders, gamers and athletes alike, and some ethnic diversity in a sea of Caucasian faces. Even head soccer coach Sean Esterhuizen has given the game a try, with the cheers of his entire team behind him.



Christopher Kruse scores a "perfect" while playing Dance Dance Revolution.

expand these sessions to different locations on campus and at different times. For information, contact Chris at [christopherkruse@clarke.edu](mailto:christopherkruse@clarke.edu).

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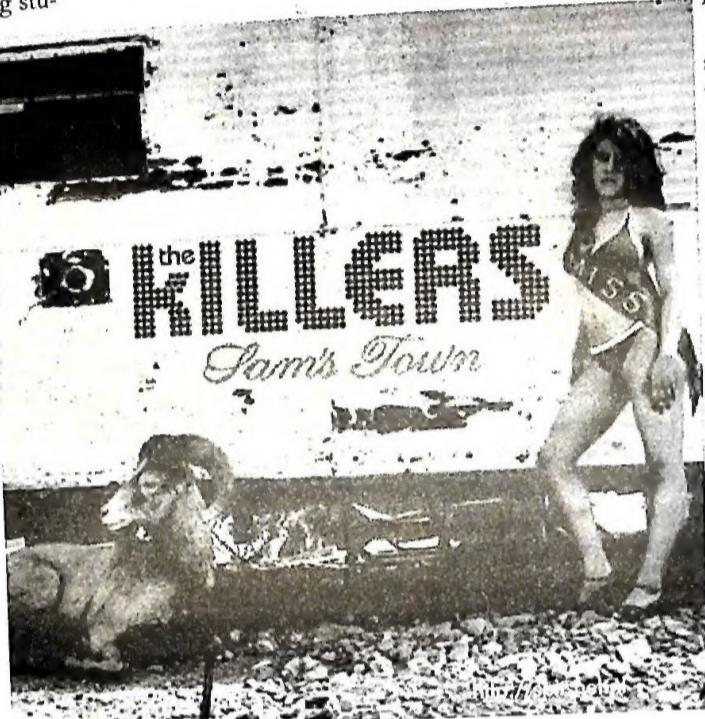
The Killers' sophomore album, titled "Sam's Town," leaves some wanting more of what they got from their first album, "Hot Fuss." Fans were used to more upbeat, new wave retro music. This record is a bit dull and dark.

There is no standout radio single on "Sam's Town", where as from "Hot Fuss", they had "Somebody Told Me" and "Mr. Brightside." The only single-worthy track on this CD is the current single "When We Were Young."

The band's sound has matured from using a lot of synthesizers to complex guitar riffs. The lyrics have also matured and evolved. The musical style as well has changed from a pop style alternative to a mellow more mature band. Even the band's image has changed. The lead singer, Brandon Flowers, went from wearing eye makeup and flashy suits to almost appearing like a cowboy complete with mustache and beard.

Much has been written about the influence of Bruce Springsteen on this record. Certain critics have slammed the band for being so obvious about it. Guitarist Dave Keuning addressed the criticism head on in a recent interview with the "San Francisco Chronicle." "I'm beginning to think you just can't win with a second album. I guarantee you if we stayed exactly the same we'd have people talking just as much crap, if not more," he said. "You can't make an album like 'Hot Fuss' 10 times."

But I think that changing who you are and what type of music you play can alienate your fans. If someone falls in love with a band, and that band completely changes who they are and what type of music they play, are they the same band?



## Drama production scores big in critique

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Toes tapping, fingers drumming, people on the edge of their seats, this was the scene after a Clarke drama department performance of "The Playboy of the Western World." Two respondents, Tom Woldt, chair of the theatre department of Simpson College and regional chair of the American College Theatre Festival, and Rick Anderson, director of theatre at Kirkwood Community College, critiqued everything about the play from props to acting.

"The Playboy of the Western World" was entered into the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Clarke has taken five plays to the KCACTF Regional Festival and four were also nominated as First Alternate. The national costume design and the national critics awards have been given to Clarke students in the past. Melissa Dahle who played Pegeen Mike; Mike Link, who played Michael Flaherty; and Valerie Heitzman, who played Widow Quinn; will have the chance to audition for the Irene Ryan Acting Award.

The respondents were very positive during their critique, and for the most part, had wonderful things to say about the play.

"The attention to detail helped bring out the sense of realism and you could tell there was a little TLC put into the play," said Woldt.

Anderson said, "The play gave a real nice sense of being home. There was a nice rich earthy sense that the set brought."

Every time you step on stage there will be a change of emotion, and of course that does not change when there are people there just to critique every aspect of a production that you put so much of your time and effort into. There will be more pressure on you to make it the best one yet.

"I would say that there was definitely a little added pressure. Anytime you are being judged you want to be able to shine just a little bit more than usual, but backstage still felt pretty calm and relaxed," said Desire English, a sophomore English major who played Susan. "We talked about the usual things like how big the audience was and how they were reacting. I think it felt a little tenser up by the stage, but even then it wasn't too bad because I think we all had confidence in ourselves and in this show."

Tom Resnick, senior graphic design major who played Shawn Koegh, said "I was more excited than nervous to be critiqued. As an actor, I really look forward to fresh eyes seeing a piece and giving their honest opinions, and constructive criticism is always helpful. And because we all strive to do our best every night, the presence of a critic changes little in our performances."

The critique was not just about how well they did on the play. Anderson and Woldt were also there to lend the actors a bit of advice.

"Continue to believe in your work; if you doubt your work, it will go away," said Anderson. "As actors, don't play down to the floor," said Woldt. "Don't make the audience feel like they are being cut off from what is happening in the play."

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# SPORTS

## 'World Champs' don't make it to October

**sarah bradford**  
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The 2005 World Series Champions thought they had the right ingredients for a post-season repeat, but after a third place finish in the American League Central, the White Sox were in for a rude awakening.

With the likes of Jermaine Dye, Jim Thome, Paul Koncik and Joe Crede, the White Sox's offense couldn't seem stronger. With the addition of Javier Vazquez to one of the best pitching staffs in baseball and the confidence that all championship teams gain, the White Sox seemed set, but something went wrong; they couldn't even make it to the playoffs.

Because of Clarke's proximity to Chicago the school is full of Sox fans that have their own take on their team's debacle.

"I think they were too confident, almost cocky," junior special elementary education major and White Sox fan Liz Siegel said. "They were playing as individuals and not as a team."

As a team the Sox had a record of 57-31, putting them in second place before the All-Star break. They ended the season 90-72; although a winning percentage, it was still frustrating to the fans.

"I was very disappointed and felt like the Sox let down their fans and the city of Chicago," Siegel said.

The Sox bullpen was unable to come through in the last month of the season with a total ERA of 6.71. Some people say manager Ozzie Guillen is to blame because he made a lot of mistakes when switching pitchers; others just blame the

White Sox players in general because they were unable to come together as a team.

"I was very upset with Guillen for not being able to lead the team like he did last year," freshman Sox fan Adam Oberhoffer said. "He handled the starting pitching and bullpen much differently."

No matter who is at fault, the fact of the matter is that

October baseball is hard on White Sox fans everywhere.

"I don't watch playoff baseball," Siegel said. "I feel like I am betraying my team."

But her dad, also a White Sox fan, offered her some other advice.

"Your team didn't make it to the playoffs so you have to pick another one," he told her.

This year the A's, Tigers, Yankees and the Twins made it to October for the American League. The National League contenders included the Padres, Cardinals, Dodgers and the Mets. After a couple weeks of play the Tigers and Cardinals came up on top and are now in the 2007 World Series.

According to a poll done by [www.mlb.com](http://www.mlb.com) only 18 percent of White Sox fans will actually watch playoff



photo by Sarah Bradford

Clarke White Sox fan Liz Siegel poses with her favorite player Joe Crede.

baseball, whereas 55 percent of the fans will forget baseball in general and support the undefeated Chicago Bears.

"At least the Bears give us something to cheer about," Oberhoffer said.

In order for more fan support during the post season the White Sox need to focus on making good moves in the off season especially with their pitching staff.

Guillen plans on sticking with 'Ozzie Ball.' His way of coaching focuses on fundamental baseball such as bunting, hit-and-runs and moving the runners over whenever possible. Little things like these will help develop a stronger team.

So far the 2007 season seems promising for White Sox fans, but so did 2006.

### 2006 MLB Postseason Bracket

#### National League:

##### Division Series

LA Dodgers vs NY Mets- Mets win series 3-0

STL Cardinals vs SD Padres- Cardinals win series 3-1

##### League Championship Series

STL Cardinals vs NY Mets- Cardinals win series 4-3

#### American League:

##### Division Series

DET Tigers vs NY Yankees- Tigers win series 3-1

OAK Athletics vs MIN Twins- Athletics win series 3-0

##### League Championship Series

DET Tigers vs OAK Athletics- Tigers win the series 4-0.

## Fantasy football craze hits Clarke

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Sophomore JC Weber checks the scores of his fantasy football team.

It may not be a trip to the Caribbean or that car of your dreams, but fantasy football for some is just as exciting. Students all over Clarke have become hooked on this national craze. No matter what teams are playing, it gives fans a chance to cheer for more than their favorite team.

Fantasy football is an online competition that uses real-life statistics from games in the NFL, NCAA, MLB, NBA and other leagues. It has been around for five or six years now and continues to grow

with the start of each new season. People sign up, typically at no charge, and perform a mock draft of all players in the league. After that they set a starting lineup for each week. If the players they pick that week do well, then their team does well too.

Points are awarded based on player performances. The object is to get as many points as possible. Some leagues compete for money, while most compete simply for bragging rights.

With the NFL almost in midseason, many leagues are well underway. Fantasy football talk can be heard all over campus. At Clarke most leagues are played for fun and involve friendly competition. It gives students a chance to forget about school work and get further involved in something they have a passion for, football.

"I love fantasy football; it gives me a chance to cheer for more players' rather than just one team. I got

involved through some friends at home and have been hooked ever since," said Dusty Whalen, freshman psychology major. "I like the excitement it brings; it brings friendly competition amongst friends and other people you may not have known before."

JC Weber, a sophomore business management major, said "It keeps me entertained and its fun. I'm very competitive and I love the thrill of victory."

This national trend has certainly caught on and has people of all ages participating. It is talked about in the offices, at schools, and everywhere in between. Get used to this phenomenon because it is around to stay, with its popularity continuing to grow.

### Top 3 NFL Fantasy Football Picks

courtesy of footballdocs.com

#### Quarterbacks

1. Peyton Manning

2. Matt Hasselback

3. Tom Brady

#### Runningbacks

1. Larry Johnson

2. Shaun Alexander

3. LaDainian Tomlinson

#### Wide Receivers

1. Terrell Owens

2. Larry Fitzgerald

3. Steve Smith

#### Tight Ends

1. Antonio Gates

2. Jeremy Shockey

3. Alge Crumpler

#### Team Defense

1. Chicago

2. Carolina

3. Pittsburgh

#### Kickers

1. Neil Rackers

2. Shayne Graham

3. Jeff Wilkins

### Did you know?

When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play a home football game, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.

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# EXTRAS

## On this day...

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1492—Columbus' fleet anchors on Ragged Island Range, Bahamas  
 1524—Spanish troops give Milan to France  
 1795—Pinckney's Treaty between Spain and U.S. is signed, establishing southern boundary of U.S. and giving Americans the right to send goods down the Mississippi River  
 1810—U.S. annexes western Florida  
 1863—Football Association forms in England, standardizing soccer  
 1901—First use of "getaway car" occurs after a hold-up of a shop in Paris  
 1905—Norway Independence Day  
 1911—Philadelphia A's beat New York Giants, four games to two in 8th World Series  
 1916—Margaret Sanger arrested for obscenity (for advocating birth control)  
 1946—Hillary Rodham Clinton was born  
 1949—President Truman increases minimum wage from 40 cents to 75 cents  
 1964—Rolling Stones appear on "Ed Sullivan Show"  
 1984—"Baby Fae," a 12-day-old infant, gets baboon heart transplant, lives 20 days  
 1994—Jordan and Israel sign peace accord  
 2002—Anti-war protest in Washington D.C.  
 2006—Feast Day for Evaristus, fifth Roman Catholic pope.

## On other campuses

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### Join a Team, Not a Gang

On October 15, the Miami Hurricanes football team got involved in a huge brawl with the Florida International Panthers that lasted almost 10 minutes. At least 31 players got suspended for one game. Now the Hurricanes have joined a police program known as "Join a Team, Not a Gang" in order to learn how to get control of situations like the one that happened.

### Renewing Consumption

Four Wisconsin state universities will be the first state-owned facilities capable of acquiring or producing renewable energy equivalent to their consumption. The four universities will start working with green energy or renewal energy in an effort to encourage other universities around the United States to do the same thing.

### Dog Training for Credit

Students at the University of Northern Texas specializing in animal education will be giving free dog training around campus in order to gain more knowledge about dog behavior and at the same time they make people's dogs more obedient.

## Looking for something to do?

### Monday, October 27

Make Your Own CD  
 SAC 5-10 p.m.  
 Ghost Hunters 6 p.m.  
 Mary Fran

### Wednesday, November 8

6:30 p.m. Atrium  
 Conference Room Annual  
 Hunger Banquet

### Sunday, November 5

7 p.m. West Locust  
 Room CSA Meeting

### Thursday, November 9

7 p.m. Mary Ben Lounge  
 Study Abroad Meeting  
 7:30 p.m. Jansen Music  
 Hall Veterans Day Salute

### Friday, Saturday, Sunday November 10,11,12

Antioch Fall Retreat

### October 26- November 11

Clarke Art Faculty Exhibit  
 Quigly Art Gallery

### Thursday November 2

Y105's party zone

Dubuque Country

Fairground 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

### Sunday, October 29

2 p.m. in Jansen Music

Hall Senior Clarinet

Recital: Colin

McDaniel

### Friday, Saturday, Sunday

November 10,11,12

Antioch Fall Retreat

### November 12- December 10

BA/ BFA Art Exhibit

Quigly Art Gallery



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